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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 411

Introduced by Assembly Member Pan

February 15, 2013

An act to add Section 14029.91 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 411, as amended, Pan. Medi-Cal: performance measures.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid Program provisions. Under existing law, one of the methods by which Medi-Cal services are provided is pursuant to contracts with various types of managed care plans.

This bill would require all Medi-Cal managed care plans to analyze their Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures, or their External Accountability Set (EAS) performance measure equivalent, by *geographic region*, race, ethnicity, and primary language, and to implement strategies to reduce identified disparities between members *from different regions*, of different races and ~~ethnicities~~ *ethnicities*, and with different primary languages. The bill would also require that these analyses be reported to the State Department of Health Care Services annually and be made available to the public via the department's Internet Web site. This bill would further require all Medi-Cal managed care plans to link individual level data collected as a part of analyzing their HEDIS measures, or their EAS

performance measure equivalent, to personal identifiers and to submit that data to the department annually. The department would be required to make the individual level data available for research purposes, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
 State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 14029.91 is added to the Welfare and
 2 Institutions Code, to read:
 3 14029.91. (a) (1) The department shall require all Medi-Cal
 4 managed care plans, including county organized health systems
 5 and plans contracting with the department to provide services
 6 pursuant to two-plan and geographic managed care models, to
 7 analyze their Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set
 8 (HEDIS) measures, or their External Accountability Set (EAS)
 9 performance measure equivalent, ~~by race~~ *geographic region, race,*
 10 *and ethnicity* in order to identify disparities in medical treatment
 11 between Medi-Cal managed care members *from different regions*
 12 *and of different races and ethnicities* and to implement strategies
 13 to reduce those disparities.
 14 (2) The department shall require the plans described in paragraph
 15 (1) to analyze their HEDIS measures, or their EAS performance
 16 measure equivalent, by primary language in order to identify
 17 disparities in medical treatment between Medi-Cal managed care
 18 members with different primary languages and to implement
 19 strategies to reduce those disparities.
 20 (3) The results of the analyses prepared in accordance with this
 21 subdivision shall be reported to the department annually. The
 22 department shall make such analyses available to the public through
 23 the department’s Internet Web site.
 24 (b) The department shall require the plans described in paragraph
 25 (1) of subdivision (a) to link all individual level data collected as
 26 a part of analyzing their HEDIS measures, or their EAS
 27 performance measure equivalent, to patient identifiers in a manner
 28 that allows for an analysis of disparities in medical treatment by
 29 *geographic region, race, ethnicity, and primary language,* and to
 30 provide that information to the department annually. The
 31 department shall make this data available, in a format that complies

1 with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of
2 1996, for research purposes through a data use or business associate
3 agreement.

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